



PATENT APPLICATION

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For: PIPE JOINT

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P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 24, 2004,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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